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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Serial Nos

Part B for March 24

SUBJECT

Grant of a piece of land for putting up a compound wall to the Anjaneya temple Silvakki at the west gate of the fort in B Cantt

2 To, The municipal Comm'r Nos 7100/d 6 3-24

States that the land cannot be granted as it is required for the medical department

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Letter No S-1923-24 dated the 22nd Sept 1923 from the Personal Asst. to Council, Bengal Secretariat asking for sanction to the grant of a piece of land for building up a compound wall to the Surjaney a temple situated on the west side of the Park in Bhowanipur city.

1) The construction of the proposed compound wall touches within a small bit of land ordered by Govt to be preserved for the construction of a medical School. The President suggest that the Section Room in connection with the medical School may be shifted to some other place and the necessary land may be available from Govt. Khas Mahal. The plan of the medical school has

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Leave returned to the D.P.O. authorities.

2) Called for orders
C.S., HHK
13/12/23
A & L Secretary

CSK 29/11/23

3) The proposal of the Premedical Course to be reasonable time may kindly be observed
First member

Ce 356/7/12

8A 6/12

4) The Leave temporary may be temporarily cancelled

MB 6/12

Under 13/12

5 Leave temporary with Compts

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In time 17/12/23

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From the history of the institution, as given by the Municipal President, it is only of recent origin, the idol having been found in the old Fort ditch by the contractor of the Victoria Hospital and given a habitation in the present place The present proposal is to give additional ground for inclusion in the compound of the temple proposed to be enclosed by a wall.

2) There is the Minto Ophthalmic Hospital on the one side and the proposed Medical School buildings will spring up on the other side. It is not possible to shift the proposed dissection room elsewhere as the allocation of the different buildings was made after due consideration Moreover, the spot intended for the tennis court may also likely be taken up for certain subsidiary buildings It is therefore undesirable to allow either new interests to spring up or any extension of existing interests in this, the only, locality available for the purposes of the school I would beg leave to suggest the removal, if possible, of the idol from its present place to a more convenient place to be found by the Municipality, where a temple in real good style could be built, in the interests both of the devotees (particularly the modesty of the female devotees) and of the Hospital and School

Bangalore,
29th December 1923.

B. Myhaffeuse
Senior Surgeon

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Subd for orders with reference to the first members orders at paragraph 4 of the note above

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First Member

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8a 4/1 C.S. 4/1

I Please submit this statement.

I do not think that the expenses of this Enquiry are unexpected

Secy 25/1

8a 29/1 C.S. 29/1

✓ Secy

If they are required to attend will the Bihar may be asked Conference refused

Secy.

8a 31/1

Draft C.S.

Subd for orders

C.S. 31/1/24

C.S. 5-2-24

Secy 2/2 1/2 First Member

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	Issue C&B —
2	To The Municipal Commr, Mdrs / the President, Exy. Rev. Council, Bangalore No. L 7100 of 6.3.24. Intimating that the lands in question are required by the Revenue Dept. and cannot therefore be granted

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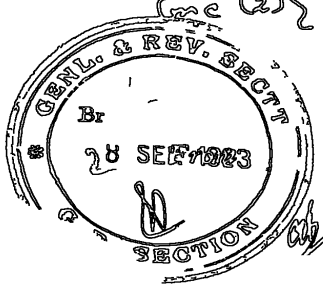
Revenue Dept. No. 251 of 1923-24

Enc (2) { one memo
one sketch



OFFICE OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, 6

Bangalore City, dated 22nd SEPTEMBER 1923.

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ANANDA RAO SIRSI, ESQ., B A, LL. B,
President, Municipal Council,
BANGALORE CITY

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To T E. Jeyaram Iyer, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Revenue Department, Bangalore

Sir,

With reference to Government Order No G 4653/Med 36-18-14 dated the 25th August 1919, about the land required for the --- Medical School, I have the honor to state as follows -

2 At the West Gate of the Fort there is an Anjaneya --- Temple, for which a Compound Wall has to be put up Two parties one headed by Mr Nizgal Venkata Rao, Retired Executive Engineer and the other by Mr D L Ramaswamy Reddy, are contending for the management of the Temple. A copy of the memo on this subject of the Municipal Engineer is enclosed herein which fully explains the present situation.

3 So far as the origin of the temple is concerned, I have been able to gather the following few particulars When the Victoria Hospital was first constructed about 25 years ago there was an image of Anjaneya in the Fort Ditch which the contractor--Sonnappa, shifted to the present spot and built a --- temple over it Ever since, devotees are resorting to it in -- good numbers and the temple has taken a deep root in the minds of the people, especially of the Mandi Merchants in New Tharagupet who have been contributing largely for its upkeep and who are anxious to maintain it for ever As against the Mandi Merchants Mr N Venkata Rao is claiming the trusteeship on the ---

the authority of some unstamped and unregistered document,--a so - called gift deed said to have been executed by the wife of Sonnap who built the temple.

4 In my opinion, what may be done in this matter is to allow the Mandi Merchants to deposit Rs.2,000/- and to repair the Temple and put up the compound wall after marking the boundaries and to inform both the Merchants and Mr.Venkata Rao, that the permission of the Municipality to repair the Temple and put up the -- wall does not in any way affect their respective claims for the management of the Temple and that they should settle it by a re suit in the Civil Court.

5 I request that sanction of Government may be obtained f plots F G H J. measuring 60' x 115' as shown in the accompanying sketch may be allotted for the Temple instead of plots A.B.C.D.E. assigned to the Temple in the site plan of the Medical School by Government and that the Dissection Room shifted somewhere else in the -- plan and the lie of the Tennis Courts may also be slightly modifi These small changes are not likely to interfere in any way with chief requirements of the Medical School when it is constructed or to inconvenience the people resorting to the Temple for worship

6. The favour of early orders is requested so that the Old Fort Wall Roads may be soon brought to a tidy condition.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

President

D ' R.

Copy of Memo No.T.450 dated the 1-9-1923 from the Municipal Executive Engineer, to the President, City Municipal Council, Bangalore.

Re - Anjaneya Temple at the West Gate of Fort near Minto Hospital.

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2 An estimate was sanctioned last year by the Municipal Council for removing the stumps of Old Fort Wall between the Albert Victor Road and the A.V School and levelling down the wall and otherwise tidying it up. In pursuance of the Municipal Council's sanction the work was commenced by cutting earth from the mound near the peepal tree behind the Anjaneya Temple at the west gate of the Fort.

3 On 22nd November 1922, Mr Nizagal Venkata Rao wrote to the President complaining that Municipal contractors were cutting away earth from the land belonging to the temple.

4 Then under orders of the President, Mr. Nizagal was requested in Municipal Engineer's Office No 1145 dated 29-11-1922 to produce any references to show the extent of land belonging to the temple The gentleman was also informed from the President's Office that the Municipal Engineer will demarcate the land after examining records

5 In the mean time, the President inspected the premises, it is believed with Mr Nizagal Venkata Rao, and decided that the area actually occupied by the temple and out houses and a little space beyond could possibly have been the compound of the temple as per sketch (flag A) and the President ordered that a reference may be made to Government, with reference to Government Order G 4653/Med 36-18-14 dated 25-8-1919 restraining the Municipality from disposing of any land required for Medical School

6. While the matter stood thus, an application was received on 22-12-1922 signed by 51 Mandi Merchants, praying for a license in the name of one Mr. D L Ramaswami Reddi for repairing the temple and building a compound wall with, however, no plan accompanying it This having been referred to the undersigned, notices were issued to Mr D L Ramaswami Reddi and other merchants and also to Mr Nizagal Venkata Rao to appear before the undersigned on 8-1-1923 and produce such records as they may respectively possess regarding (1) the extent of the land pertaining to

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to the said Anjaneya Temple and (2) now the management came into hands Mr.Nizagal Venkata Rao did not reply nor appeared on 6-1-1923 the date fixed for the enquiry But the mandi merchants appeared and give a written statement vide Flag (B).

7. The written statement says, that the temple was ~~x~~ built in -- 1890-91 by Muttoji Rao and Sonnappa out of subscriptions collected from Mandi Merchants and Anjaneya was ~~x~~ installed, building the mangalore - tiled shed behind the temple at the same time. Merchants stated they were not in possession of any sanad for the land or license for building The boundary extended up to the peepal tree and it was ~~xxx~~ enclosed by a hedge and space was a flower garden They state that the extent of the temple has not been disputed either by the Municipality or Government to now They want to repair the temple and put up a compound wall and see that temple is well managed As an earnest for this, they are prepared to deposit Rs 2000/- within one month of the order.

8. In January 1923, Mr Nizagal Venkata Rao forwarded with his -- letter No N.T 61 dated 6-1-1923 attested copies of (1) letter 26-6-1922 from Mr N Subba Rao, the alleged manager of the temple, asking Mr Nizag Venkata Rao to take over the management (2) attested copy of a document dated 2nd August 1922 purporting to the handing over of all rights in th temple by Sonnappa's wife and her minor son to His Holiness Sri Vyasara Swami of Kundapur Mutt, (3) attested copy of a mahazir signed by Rajasat Bhushana Karpur Srinivasa Rao and 161 other gentlemen, testifying to the boundary line extending to the peepal tree i e ,70 or 80 yards north to south from the Albert Victor Road and about 50-60 yards east to west.

9. Again on 1-3-1923, Mr.Nizagal Venkata Rao submitted a letter No 13 giving what seems to be a true history of the temple and vicissitudes it has gone through He has submitted along with it copies of 5 documents (the other 4 said to have been ~~said~~ sent with his letter No.242 dat 24-2-1923 and the letter, are not in the file). Of the 5 now submitted it is the sketch Flag C. showing the limits of the temple that is important for our main purpose.

10. The points to be settled are -

(1) What is the extent of the temple?

(2)

(2) What action is to be taken to have this settled in the face of of the Government Order?

(3) Whether the representation of the Mandi Merchants can be considered and license granted to them for repairing the temple and building compound wall, and the earnest money of Rs.2,000/- offered by them, accepted, in face of what Mr Nizagal Venkata Rao has tried to prove by the testimony of very respectable gentleman that the management has devolved upon him, thus creating what seems legal complications between the 2 parties regarding the possession and management of the temple.

11 Regarding the extent of the temple, I think both the parties and respectable citizens speak to the temple land having extended up to the peepal tree from the Albert Victor Road, or 63 yards or 189 or 190 feet as shown in the sketch of Mr.N Venkata Rao Flag(G). As regards the extent east to west, he claims 135 feet and the merchants say land between the Fort Wall and the ditch I cannot accept either. The temple occupied the site of the wall which at its base was not more than 50 feet. Any width included in excess of this will mar the traces of the Old Fort Wall which the Government have ordered to be preserved as far as possible. So, the width, east to west may be taken to be 60 feet while the length north to south be limited to 140 feet, as per sketch here with submitted. (Flag D).

12. Regarding the action to be taken to have this confirmed, the Government may be addressed that instead of the plot A.B C.D.E left for the temple in the site plan of the Medical School a plot F.G.H.J. measuring 60' x 140' may be allotted as shown in the sketch, and the dissection room shown here shifted elsewhere as it seems sentimentally objectionable to place it just behind a temple, and the lie of Tennis Courts slightly modified This it is believed will not interfere with the several lay out of the Medical School to any appreciable extent.

13 Regarding the grant of license for repairs and the building of the compound wall to Mr D L.Ramaswami Reddi on behalf of Mandi Merchants, it being the only one before the Municipality it may be taken into consideration, on depositing earnest money of Rs 2,000/- agreed to by them and on their agreeing to the extent decided upon, provided the issue of a license does not create legal difficulties in the way of Mr N Venkata Rao regarding the management of the temple. From the papers produced by Mr Venkata Rao, it seems from a layman's point of view, that Mr G.

Rammanna

Mr G. Rammanna in the first instance, his son G. Subba Rao afterwards were self constituted managers, who conducted it for some time and then neglected it It was during this neglected period that Mr N. Subba Rao stepped in and assumed management, perhaps with the consent of Mr Sonnappa who renovated the temple Then Mr Sonnappa and his heirs are supposed to have acquired some right in the temple and Mrs. Sonnappa has been made to hand over the temple to His Holiness Sri Vyasaraya Swami, Kundapur Mutt, on whose behalf Mr N. Venkata Rao is managing. There appears to be certain legal manipulations which are outside the scope of the Municipality to interfere The interest of the Municipality is in seeing the temple repaired and premises kept clean and tidy by building a compound wall. If so, this object is likely to be achieved sooner if the Mandi Merchants are given a license, on their submitting plans, because they are prepared to deposit Rs. 2,000/- with the Municipality as earnest money for doing it.

"C O P Y"

PRESIDENT,
City Municipal Council,
Bangalore.

D.N.R.

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General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue .. 6/3/24

Signed by

Section Genl.

File No 82-23

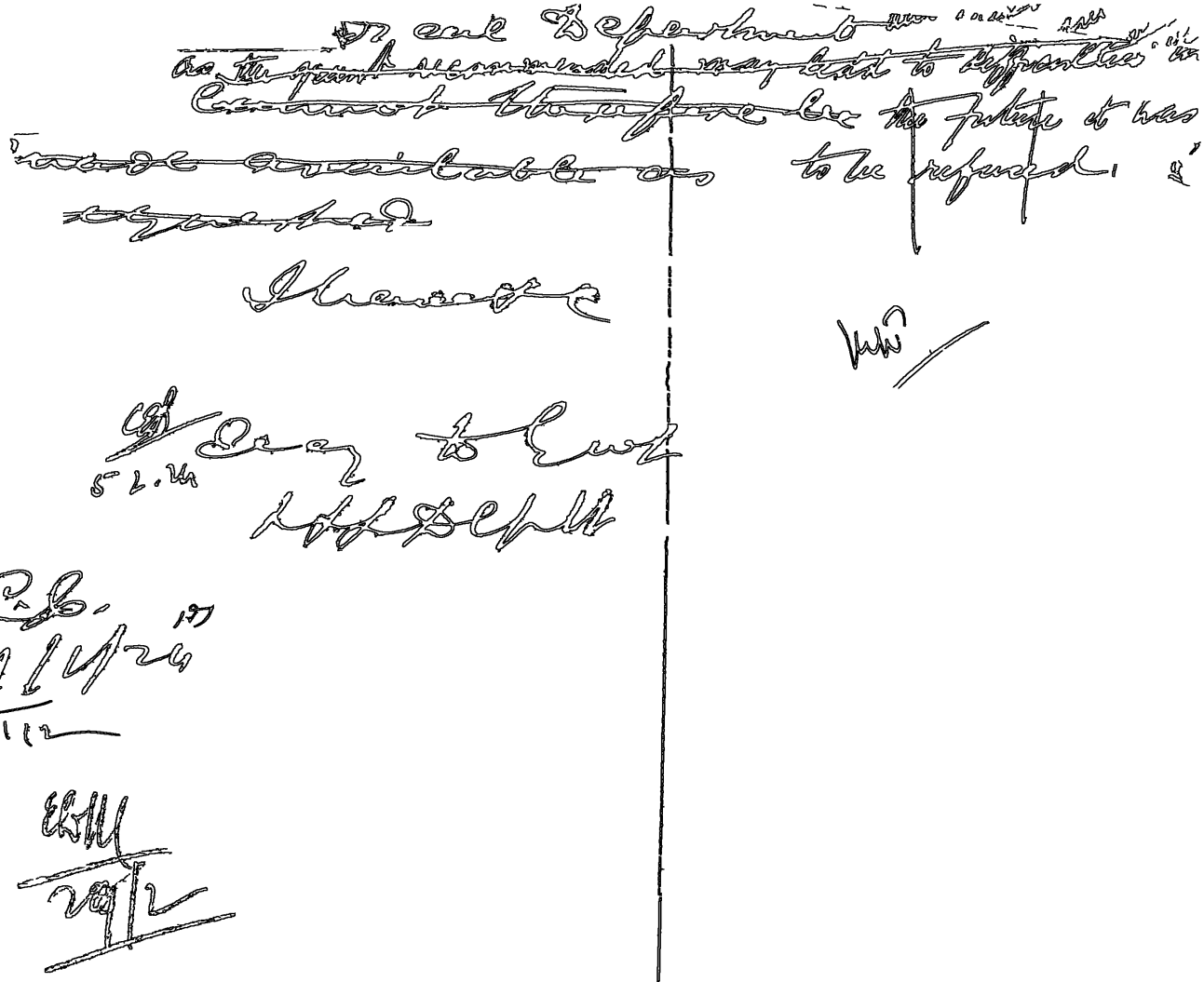
Serial No 2

No 1700

To The Chief Engineer,
City Improvement Committee,
Bangalore.

Sir

With reference to your letter No 51 of 23-24 dated the 22nd/26th Sept^r 1923 requesting the grant of certain lands for the construction of a compound wall to the Anjaneya Temple situated at the West side of the Fort Area, I am directed to state that the lands in question are required



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